

amended to expedite the issuance of claims of particular current licensing interest.
Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

I. Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature described in the specification or defined in the claims. Submitted herewith are proposed formal drawings including amended FIGS. 1 and 2, which show the missing specification items and claim elements and FIGS. 3 and 4. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

II. The Specification Is In Correct Form

The Specification was objected to "as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter." This objection is respectfully traversed. Support for claim 6 can be found, *inter alia*, in FIG. 2 and on page 4 of the specification. Thus, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

III. The Indefiniteness Rejection Is Unsupported

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is directed to a "product information apparatus". Claim 5 identifies that the "memory is a micro-chip memory". Claim 6 identifies how the "programmable logic controller" is "coupled to a network". Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. The Anticipation Rejection is Unsupported

Claims 1-6 were rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). In support of the rejection, Cragun (U.S. Patent No. 5,804,803) was cited. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-6 recite “an indicator associated with a predetermined product and contained in a memory coupled to the predetermined product and coupleable to a programmable logic controller coupled to a network, wherein said indicator indicates a network web page where product information is provided for the predetermined product, the network web page comprising an on-line product support help window.”

Cragun is allegedly directed to a “client computer [that] scans the object of interest and translates the code into a URL that specifies both the server computer and the location within the server of information that is relevant to the object”. See col. 2, lines 12-16. Cragun does not, however, disclose explicitly or inherently “an indicator associated with a predetermined product and contained in a memory coupled to the predetermined product and coupleable to a programmable logic controller coupled to a network, wherein said indicator indicates a network web page where product information is provided for the predetermined product, the network web page comprising an on-line product support help window.” Also, Cragun does not disclose explicitly or inherently “an indicator coupleable to a programmable logic controller.” Further, Cragun does not disclose explicitly or inherently “an indicator [that] indicates a network web page.... comprising an on-line product support help window.”

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-6 is unsupported by Cragun and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

V. The Rejection of Claim 6 is Unsupported

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd and 6th paragraphs. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The specification, and particularly the fourth page of the specification, recites ample corresponding structure for the recited function of claim 6. For example, page 4 of the specification recites “an internet interface 204”, “a human/machine interface (HMI) such as that provided by Siemens”, and “a software interface to industrial-type processors such as PLCs”, as well as the network interfaces described in the incorporated Zavis references. In addition, as the Office Action acknowledges, there are numerous well known “means” for forming a “network connection”. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

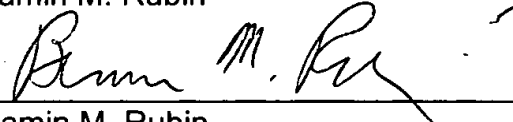
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-2179. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 732-321-3113 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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APPENDIX

Marked-up Paragraphs and Claims Showing the Changes Made by Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (once amended) A product information apparatus for providing product information for a predetermined product, said apparatus comprising: an indicator associated with ~~said a~~ predetermined product and contained in a memory coupled to said the predetermined product and coupleable to a programmable logic controller coupled to a network; ~~and, wherein said indicator indicates a network web page a web page indicated by said indicator associated with said predetermined product for providing said product information, wherein said indicator directs said web page where said product information is provided for said the predetermined product, the network web page comprising an on-line product support help window.~~

4. (once amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a label affixed to ~~said the predetermined product~~, wherein said label comprises said indicator ~~memory is disposed on said label.~~

5. (once amended) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~further comprising a wherein said memory for storing said indicator, wherein said memory is a micro-chip memory provided with said product.~~

6. (once amended) The apparatus of claim 5, ~~further comprising wherein the programmable logic controller is coupled to the network via means for automatically interfacing to the an internet to access said web page based on said indicator.~~